Abstract of the Disclosure

Compounds having therapeutic utility are of formula (I)

$$B-X-(CH2)n-CR2R3-CR4R5-COY (I)$$

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n = 0-1;

X is $S(O)_{0-2}$;

Y is OR1 or NHOH;

 R^2 and R^4 are independently H or a group (optionally substituted with R^{10}) selected from C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{2-6} alkenyl, aryl, C_{1-6} alkyl-aryl, heteroaryl, C_{1-6} alkyl-heteroaryl, heterocycloalkyl, C_{1-6} alkyl-heterocycloalkyl, cycloalkyl and C_{1-6} alkyl-cycloalkyl, and

R¹, R³ and R⁵ are independently H or C₁₋₆ alkyl;

provided that not more than two of R², R³, R⁴ and R⁵ are H; or

any of CR^2R^3 , CR^4R^5 and CR^2 - CR^4 is a cycloalkyl or heterocycloalkyl ring optionally substituted with R^{10} or a group (optionally substituted with R^{10}) selected from C_{1-6} alkyl, aryl, C_{1-6} alkyl-aryl, heteroaryl and C_{1-6} alkyl-heteroaryl;

B is heterocycloalkyl (optionally substituted by R^6 or R^7) bonded through carbon to X, or C_{1-6} alkyl-heterocycloalkyl (optionally substituted with R^6 or R^7), or a group (substituted with R^6) selected from C_{1-8} alkyl, C_{2-6} alkenyl and C_{2-6} alkynyl;

 R^6 is $N(R^7)_2$, OR^7 , COR^7 , $C(=NOR^9)R^7$, NR^7R^8 , $S(O)_{0-2}R^9$ or $SO_2N(R^7)_2$;

 R^7 is H or a group selected from C_{1-6} alkyl, aryl, C_{1-6} alkyl-aryl, heteroaryl, C_{1-6} alkyl-heteroaryl, cycloalkyl, C_{1-6} alkyl-cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl and C_{1-6} alkyl-heterocycloalkyl, wherein said group is optionally substituted with R^9 , COR^9 , $SO_{0-2}R^9$, CO_2R^9 , OR^9 , $CONR^1R^9$, NR^1R^9 , halogen, CN, $SO_2NR^1R^9$ or NO_2 , and for each case of $N(R^7)_2$ the R^7 groups are the same or different or $N(R^7)_2$ is heterocycloalkyl optionally substituted with R^9 , COR^9 , $SO_{0-2}R^9$, CO_2R^9 , OR^9 , $CONR^1R^9$, NR^1R^9 , halogen, CN, $SO_2NR^1R^9$ or NO_2 ,

R⁸ is COR⁷, CON(R⁷)₂, CO₂R⁹ or SO₂R⁹;

 R^9 is C_{1-6} alkyl, aryl, C_{1-6} alkyl-aryl, heteroaryl or C_{1-6} alkyl-heteroaryl; and R^{10} is OR^7 , COR^7 , CO_2R^1 , $CON(R^7)_2$, NR^7R^8 , $S(O)_{0-2}R^9$, $SO_2N(R^7)_2$, CN, halogen or cycloimidyl (optionally substituted with R^1);

and the salts, solvates, hydrates, N-oxides, protected amino, protected carboxy and protected hydroxamic acid derivatives thereof.